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Ellis Neil Suicide Cause Unknown

The entire community was shocked last Monday evening when news of the death by suicide of Ellis Neil was learned. With bright business prospects and a host of friends on every side, Ellis Neil, to quote a friend was "the last person on earth whom anyone would dream of committing suicide."

The deceased was last seen about 9:30 Sunday evening and his agitated appearance was noticed by friends but was attributed to a headache or other minor ailment. He did not appear at his place of business, the New-Tread Tire Company, Monday, and his partner and friends became worried, thinking him ill. After dinner Monday evening his brother-in-law, Howard Barrett, went up to the Hargadine street residence of Mr. Neil and found all of the doors locked and curtains down. He called up Ellis's brother, Elmo Neil, on the telephone and the latter came up and pushing a key which was on the inside out of the door, entered, to find his brother's body stretched out on the bed.

Investigation seemed to indicate that the deceased had upon arrival at his home Sunday evening stuffed up the keyholes and cracks of the windows and doors of the bathroom and the room next to it. He then must have put a quarter in the apparatus attached to the gas heater in the bathroom and taking off his outer clothes wrapped up in a blanket and laid down on the bed.

Mrs. Ellis Neil was visiting her parents at their ranch east of town and was almost prostrated when news of the tragedy reached her. The suicide left no note of any kind, as far as has been learned, and the cause of the act remains shrouded in mystery.

As far as can be learned, his financial affairs were in good shape. He had but recently taken the agency for an automobile here and had entered into partnership with Mr. Weaver in the tire re-treading and garage business.

Ellis Neil was married last June to Miss Irene Barrett, one of the most beautiful and popular young ladies of Ashland. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Neil, pioneer residents of this district. Two brothers, Elmo and Jesse, both of Ashland, and two sisters, Mrs. Gerald Torrence of Hilt and Miss Angie of Ashland, survive him. His mother died of heart failure in San Francisco last fall.

The deceased was born near Ashland and was 33 years, 8 months and 4 days old. Several years ago he was considered one of the most promising young ball players in the valley, but rheumatism put an end to his athletic career and he went into business in Roseburg, where he was very highly regarded. He returned to Ashland about two years ago. He was a member of the Ashland lodge of Elks, and the funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Elks' Temple, a host of friends attending to pay their last tribute to a most highly regarded friend.

Put Road in Shape for Klamath Crowd

The following is an extract from a letter received by the Springs Celebration committee:

"Every other person in Klamath Falls owns a car, and the ratio is nearly as great for the rest of the county, including the Indian reservation. Practically everybody owning a car is figuring on going to Ashland, taking his family or neighbors, so there ought to be a pretty big turnout from here."

The heavy rains of last week have put the Green Springs mountain road in poor condition, but the committee has the assurance from Jack True, the roadmaster, that a crew will be kept constantly on that road, so that it will be in the very best of condition for travel during the entire season.

In order to take care of all the visitors the people of Ashland must open their homes and provide sleeping accommodations. If you have an extra bedroom, tent with cots and the like, just let the secretary of the Commercial Club know about it as soon as possible. Tell him what you expect to charge these people and if you will serve meals and at what price. Naturally it is expected that the charges will be reasonable, but here is an opportunity for our citizens to pick up quite a sum of money that the visitors expect to leave with us.

Pugilist's Wife Fails to Arrive

The Methodist church was comfortably filled Monday evening with a crowd attracted by the announcement that Mrs. Bob Fitzsimmons, wife of the famous ex-champion pugilist and herself an ex-prima donna, now a Christian worker lecturing under the auspices of the Pacific Coast Rescue League, would speak, telling her life story. The crowd arrived but the pugilist's wife failed to show up, sending word at the last minute that she was unable to make train connections out of Portland. Her manager addressed the gathering. Mrs. Fitzsimmons may speak in Ashland later.

Great Pageants For Rose Festival

Two great pageants of the Rose Festival at Portland will prove of interest to the entire state. More than 10,000 boys and girls from the public schools will present a historical procession the morning of June 7, opening day of the tenth annual celebration.

The Portland schools will present in order the Indians, the discovery of America, the Puritans, Quakers, Minute Men, frontier and backwoods-men, Boston tea party, signing of the Declaration of Independence, war of 1812, the discovery of gold, Lewis & Clark expedition, Fremont's expedition through the Oregon country, the Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls and other features.

The fraternal, military and civic parade will be the morning feature of June 9, closing day of the festival. It will be one of the greatest spectacles of the kind ever presented. The military forces of Oregon and the northwest will be on review, fraternal organizations will have their bands, drill team and floats on review and marching bodies of Oregon, Washington and California cities will take an active part.

In this pageant the floats from cities in Oregon where the queen or maids of honor are elected will be featured. Any city, town or community may enter a float in this parade, and several commercial organizations have already notified the association that floats showing the resources of their county would be featured.

Democratic Comm. Elects Officers

The new democratic county central committee met Wednesday evening at the Hotel Medford in the city which bears the same name and elected the following officers: Chairman, W. N. Campbell of Medford; secretary-treasurer, Sid L. Brown of Medford; state central committeeman, W. H. McNair of Ashland.

There was a good attendance of committeemen from all over the county. Before balloting proxies were ruled out by vote of the assemblage.

Band Plays Popular Concert Numbers

The band concert Wednesday evening attracted the usual big crowd and was exceptionally well received. The "Aloha" waltz, the one musical production of recent years which will live forever, was a favorite. Selections from "Faust," a new Morceau characteristic, "Summer's Dream," and "Odeon Overture," together with a couple of lively marches, completed a program which made a decided popular appeal. The next concert will be Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

When some historian digs up the assertion that George Washington used profanity, it should be remembered that he had a great deal of provocation and was no mollycoddle.

When a woman isn't hearing burglars in the dining room she is always smelling something burning.

A good way to get one's mind off the war is to go to a ball game, where all minor considerations are forgotten.

"Villa can't live forever," reminds an editor. Exactly. But neither can the rest of us.

Statisticians of the agricultural department have not yet reported on the promising crop of June brides.

Grand Opening of 'The Bungalow' Friday Evening to Be Gala Event

The grand opening of The Bungalow, the latest addition to the attractions which Ashland holds forth to visitors, will occur tomorrow evening and promises to be quite an event. The Bungalow has twenty tables which will seat eighty people, and two-thirds of these have been reserved for the opening night. Dancing will be indulged in by those who care to dance, throughout the evening, to the music of a musical combination including the tango banjo, an instrument which is the most "pepful" dance provoker in existence. Miss Aileen Bomar has been secured by the management of The Bungalow for the season at the piano. Music all afternoon and evening every day will be one of the big attractions at the new park refectory, and the popular pastime throughout the summer will be to drop into The Bungalow for a bite to eat and a couple of dances. Already numerous private parties are planned and table reservations are pouring in for days ahead.

No charge is made for dancing except on special "dance" nights which will be inaugurated later on.

On Wednesday evening an informal opening was held and several hundred people inspected the building and many enjoyed dancing.

The great rambling bungalow-like structure is a blaze of brilliancy in its dress of dozens of incandescent globes. Inside and out it is finished in brown stain. Specially made tables and chairs and fixtures, all new and up to date, are installed. The tables are arranged around the outside of the dancing floor, the candy and cigar cases, fountain and so forth are arranged in a rectangle in the center, and the kitchen is at the rear of the building. An orchestra platform is built above the center restaurant. Hanging baskets add to the attractiveness of the interior. All sides are screened in and The Bungalow

will be one of the coolest places in town.

On Friday evening, besides the fine line of Ashland-made candies, cigars and tobaccos, confections, ice cream, sundaes and fountain goods of all kinds, a specialty of steaks and fish will be offered, together with dainty salads and short orders of all kinds.

The kitchen of The Bungalow is arranged in a most modern, sanitary manner, and under the charge of Alec Hall, whose fame as a chef is well known. Great big thick steaks, not just fried but cooked so that all of the juices are retained, cooked in separate pans and prepared with delicious gravies, will be a specialty of The Bungalow. Steaks such as can be obtained nowhere else in the valley is the ambition of the culinary department of the refectory, and a goodly patronage should be built up by this feature alone. All kinds of short orders, from a "side of hots" and a cup of coffee to a pretentious course dinner, will be served at all hours of the day and evening. Especial attention will be given to dinner parties and telephone notice (phone 144) of an hour will guarantee a dinner which cannot be duplicated in the valley for parties of any size.

A lunch goods department has been installed especially for the benefit of picnic parties and auto tourists and a full line of canned goods, bakery goods and other lunch goods will be carried.

The dancing features will be under the direction of Mrs. Shirley Keene, Ashland's popular dancing instructor, and dinner dances, dancing instruction at certain hours and other features will be announced later.

It is the intention of the management to make The Bungalow the most popular and refined amusement center in the valley. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to drop in and get acquainted.

Many Riders Are Wanted for Parade

The horseback section of the big parade on July Fourth should be the largest and most interesting section of the parade. There are scores of people in Ashland and vicinity who have saddle horses or ponies and the committee in charge wishes to interest everyone in this feature of the parade who has a horse.

A meeting of riders will be held at the East Side school on Friday evening, June 2, at 7 o'clock, and all those willing to ride horses should consider it their duty as well as pleasure to turn out. Miss Mary L. Homes is chairman of the committee in charge of this feature.

Commercial Club Will Decide Changes

The regular monthly meeting of the Commercial Club will be held in the Club rooms next Monday evening, June 5. Election of officers, deferred from last meeting, will be held, and the recent recommendations for changes in the constitution and by-laws by a committee appointed for that purpose will be voted on. It is very essential to the future of the Commercial Club that all who have a voice in the proceedings should be on hand. Do not remain away and then complain of what has been done.

Says Recall Is Signed by Many

Medford Sun: The report circulated in Medford that the recall petition for the county court received only between 300 and 400 signatures is incorrect, according to C. J. Semon, who is the originator of the movement.

The petition now has between 1100 and 1200 signatures, says Mr. Semon, with over 200 in Medford, with the list growing all the time.

And what has become of the old subscriber who used to begin his communication, "I take my pen in hand"?

Those Teuton incendiary plot revelations indicate that Germany still has money to burn.

Southern States Are Organized

The former residents of the southern states met at an adjourned meeting at the city hall on Wednesday afternoon and elected the following officers: President, John Dill; vice-president, Mrs. W. M. Barber; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. F. F. Whitely; trustees, G. C. McAllister, Mrs. Leah Caldwell and E. E. Phipps. The trustees together with the president and secretary are the controlling board, and their duties will be to look after the business of the association.

It was voted that the southern states be represented in the parades during the Springs Dedication Celebration, and it was left with the controlling board to appoint a committee to look after the float. The board will also take up the proposition of an outing and will act as hosts to any prominent southerners who happen this way during the coming campaign.

Plan Lighting System for Park

The electric committee of the city council and the springs commission are figuring together on an economical and satisfactory lighting system for Lithia Park. Among the plans considered is one which will include the placing of high-powered lights on each pole along Granite street, casting a flood of light over the park. The picnic grounds will be amply lighted up as is the auto camp. The big oak tree just toward town from the bandstand will be hung with decorative lights to its very top.

Park avenue will be lighted in a satisfactory manner and the path up through Chautauqua Park will be illuminated. While the parks may not be a blaze of brilliancy, they will be well lighted and will present a beautiful picture at night.

Mrs. Thornton Dead at Eugene

Mrs. J. E. Thornton, wife of Ed. Thornton, secretary of the Ashland Elks lodge, died at 10 p. m. last night at the home of her sister in Eugene. Mr. Thornton was called to Eugene Monday. The two little boys are also in Eugene.

Register Now and Have It Over With

Registration is again open and all who failed to get their names on the registration list prior to the primary election now have an opportunity to register.

The county registration is far below the total of last year and voters should get the agony over with. The registration will be open until 30 days before the fall election but that presents no argument for postponing the duty until the last day and then forgetting it.

Under the present law one registration will do until the voter moves into a new precinct.

Growers Accept Government Plan

C. E. Bassett, who was to have addressed the gathering of fruitgrowers held at the Commercial Club Monday, was unable to be present, but the orchardists who were present listened to very interesting and instructive talks by J. C. Skinner, Professor Moore and Dr. Macpherson.

Mr. Skinner is editor of the "Fruit and Produce Markets" and one of the best informed men in the country on apple and pear markets. He explained the government marketing plan which was outlined by Mr. Bassett upon occasion of a previous visit and gave his hearers a very clear understanding of the working of the plan. He told of the general acceptance of the plan throughout the northwest and urged the local growers to take up the plan which is offered and backed by the government Bureau of Markets.

Professor Moore of the Oregon Agricultural College spoke regarding the physical handling of fruit, giving some suggestions and rules which will aid in gaining a higher standard of fruit grading.

Dr. Hector Macpherson, director of markets at the Oregon Agricultural College, spoke on the value of co-operation and the new ideas of co-operation which were becoming recognized as necessary to the future of the fruit business by the fruitmen of the northwest. Dr. Macpherson made a pleasing and at the same time a strong and convincing talk.

The sense of the meeting was to the effect that the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association should affiliate with the marketing organizations and the directors were authorized to take steps to that end. The attendance at the meeting was far from being as large as was desired, owing to the fact that the thinning season is just commencing, but the growers who were present were enthusiastic over the plan.

Art Store Has Pleasing Lines

The new Ashland Art Store of F. H. Mann was opened Wednesday and is well worth while a visit from every Ashlander. The store carries a line of novelty and art goods which is worth looking over just for the pleasure to be gained from seeing beautiful things even though the visitor does not wish to buy. Crowds of visitors were greatly pleased with the stock and shop and the courteous reception given them, and the art store will become one of the favorite places in Ashland to seek remembrances, cards, gifts and the like.

Ashland Amazes Portland Bankers

E. A. Wild and H. L. Corbett, two officials of the First National Bank of Portland, were visitors in Ashland Monday and were shown over the park by E. V. Carter. "Wonderful," "magnificent," "beautiful," "amazing" were only a few of the expressions with which the Portlanders greeted the beauties of Ashland parks and the scenery from the drives. They left Tuesday for Klamath Falls and Lakeview.

Architects are getting out plans for a \$15,000 brick business building at Salem.

Military Sale
Will be continued until Friday, June 3. Don't fail to visit this sale. We might have something you want at a very low price.
2-2t MRS. SIMONS' MILLINERY.

Thousands of Roses For Soldier Dead

A few familiar faces missing from the column, but those who are left, heads up and shoulders thrown back as in those long ago years when gray hairs were unknown, the Burnside Post of the Grand Army of the Republic marched again through the streets of Ashland to join in Memorial day services at the graves of their fallen comrades. The faithful wives and daughters of the Women's Relief Corps were in line as well. Ahead of the veterans marched the Coast Artillery Corps company, many mere boys and the oldest still in the prime of life, their very spring and youth lending by the contrast an ineffable pathos to the sight of the file of veterans. And as if turning the pages back from sixty years to twenty-one and again to ten years, there followed the lines of school children bearing their loads of fragrant blossoms.

This one day of the busy year men turn aside from self-interests, from the bustle of business and the drag of personal cares and stand by the roadside with hats off while the column of soldiers in faded blue pass by. A patriotism and love of country which lies dormant cannot but be aroused at the sight of the remnant of the brave army of men who preserved us our country.

Mother Nature lent gracious co-operation and the roses were at their best. Thousands upon thousands they were heaped upon the graves of the soldier dead after the impressive services in the cemetery had been held.

After the flower baskets were empty the procession again formed and marched to the armory, where an appropriate program was given. The entire assemblage sang "America." Rev. Douglass pronounced the invocation. The departmental orders of the G. A. R. were read, a flag drill was enjoyed, selections by the ladies' quartet, composed of Misses Jilson, Dahuff, Whitist and Anderson, were appreciated and enjoyed. A solo by Miss Engle and a reading by our own "Dick Posey" were numbers which added greatly to the entertainment of the afternoon. C. M. Thomas of Medford delivered the address of the day and won his hearers with a pleasing and apropos talk. The audience sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and Rev. Smith pronounced the benediction.

The Ashland band led the procession to the cemetery, playing Chopin's and Rock Hill funeral dirges. The band led the return with military airs.

Lunch for the Grand Army and Relief Corps was spread in the mess room at the Armory and at 1:30 in the afternoon services were held for the sailor dead who found their graves in the briny deep. For this ceremony the military organizations gathered at the Atkinson memorial bridge in Chautauqua Park, where the Relief Corps conducted the beautiful ritual prescribed for such occasions. Flowers were strewn upon the water. The singing was led by Mrs. E. E. Miller, senior vice-president of the corps.

May Tell of Turkey In Ashland Park

Dr. Clarence Ussher, who has but recently returned by way of Russia, and through a series of thrilling rescues and experiences, from Turkey, where he was doing medical missionary work, will be in Ashland next week and will tell of the conditions, the work, the awful persecution, warfare and turmoil in Turkey, with enough of his personal experiences mingled in to make the pictures vivid. Dr. Ussher is touring the country and speaks in all the big cities of the coast. That Ashland will have an opportunity to hear him is due in the main to the fact that his brother, W. W. Ussher, lives here and the lecturer will make a visit of three or four days with him.

It is thought that it may be possible to arrange a meeting for men at the Commercial Club rooms on Tuesday evening to hear Dr. Ussher.

There is to be a picnic of the missionary societies of the various churches of the city Tuesday, June 6. Arrangements are being made to have all the women of Ashland gather in the park following the picnic on Tuesday and hear Dr. Ussher at 3 p. m. While the picnic is for the missionary society members only, the address will be for all the women of the city.